

## CRISP SPORTING COMMENT

All Sorts of Rumors Afloat Respecting the St. Asaph Race Meeting.

## JOCKEY CLUB MEETS TO-DAY

Opinion Differ as to Whether the Racing Will Be Continued Under the License of the Jockey Club—Old Dominion Club Meeting Is Improving in Every Respect.

For several days all kinds of rumors have been in circulation regarding the future of the St. Asaph meeting. Owing to the recent decision in the amount of purses considerable talk was indulged in, the opinion being the local club officials had violated the provisions of their license, and that the stewards of the Jockey Club would decide at their meeting to be held to-day in New York. Then it has been hinted that the Jockey Club would not grant any extension of the original date for the closing of the St. Asaph races, which was December 1. On the other hand the indications are that racing will go on at least until January 1. It looks very much as if either the local people have received assurance that their application to the Jockey Club for an extension of the meeting will be granted, or they intend to go ahead regardless of the action of the New York racing authorities. What effect a breaking away from the latter would have is hard to estimate. No doubt several of the big horsemen would refuse to race their horses any more, but their absence would help the racing. There have been too many one-horse races, such as the purses captured by Francis Goodwin, and many others, and several others. With such horses out of the way the fields would be more evenly matched and better letting prevail.

That there are enough people with sporting blood in their veins in Washington prepared to keep the racing going is evident by the splendid crowds which have patronized both the Virginia and the Washington races. Additions to the visiting contingent are daily made and upwards of three thousand strangers have taken up their temporary residence in this city for the last few days. It is not known whether the St. Asaph meeting continues under the protection of the Jockey Club or breaks away from the latter, but so long as the racing goes on, there is no question about the Alexandria Island meeting, which is in its full tide of success. The attendance, funds, and betting were never better, while the spectators are now making money and in a fair way to recover past losses. So improved are the fortunes with the racing business, it is possible to be done on the Island races make a number of these places are taking the racing, thereby helping to pay the expenses of the track.

George Woodcock, the well-known book-maker and bettor, has had somewhat of an unenviable notoriety given him by Pittsburgh this morning the punch clock Woodcock. This is a little story about the man who has been in the city for some time. Since the opening of the St. Asaph meeting, Mr. Woodcock has been in the city for some time. Since the opening of the St. Asaph meeting, Mr. Woodcock has been in the city for some time. Since the opening of the St. Asaph meeting, Mr. Woodcock has been in the city for some time.

The report of a quarrel between Secretary McIntyre and Green H. Morris, which appeared in a New York paper, is pronounced by both the principals to be an unwarranted statement of a slight difference, which led to some argument. Both McIntyre and Morris are apparently on the best of terms.

Sturges Cassidy has been handling the flag at the Alexandria Island track in a very satisfactory manner despite the large fields and many grown riders he has to contend with. He naturally will make mistakes, but it is human and it is even to be expected. He deserves great credit for his general good work and should not be offended at any just criticism. There now was a starter, who did not act in such a manner as to cause any serious trouble as others. Jimmy Howe has made many bad starts at St. Asaph, and they have been noticed in the papers.

It was hoped by the friends of the National Jockey Club that the new American Association will be formed on paper, but the action of the league officials in considering so seriously the new organization at the time when New York shows them to be barely alive to the knowledge that the association is more than a possible rival. That the American Association will however be formed, and that the new association is believed by many and the indications are the new association will prove a success, as 20-cent ball is wanted in most of the cities. It is not hard to guess which will receive the public support.

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First race—Six and a quarter furlongs.				
Index.	Horse.	Time.	Horse.	
1.	Albion	1:02	2.	Hopalong
3.	Americo	1:05	5.	Kingwood
150	King's Bay	1:06	8.	Edifice
151	Albion	1:07	7.	Albion
152	Light	1:08	4.	Edifice
600	Cardinal	1:08	3.	Albion
153	Cardinal	1:10	6.	Albion
154	High C	1:10	500	Albion
Second race—Five furlongs.				
Index.	Horse.	Time.	Horse.	
612	Waggoner	1:06	700	Bradley
613	Waggoner	1:07	701	Bradley
725	Tommy Lads	1:08	702	First Carter
726	Foreman	1:07	703	Truism
727	Orlando	1:08	704	Albion
728	Orlando	1:09	715	Albion
729	Lillian Lee	1:10	724	Fencer
730	The Crown	1:10		